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LOCATION

1. The port of Poldiski is located on the Pakri Strait on a peninsula jutting into the Finnish Gulf at 24°3" east and 59°19" north.

INDUSTRY

2. The principal industry was fishing. A fish canning factory specialized in anchovies. The port was formerly an international, duty free port.

HARBOR

3. The deep water, ice free harbor could accommodate ocean going vessels. Small warehouses were located about the harbor. The railroad ran up to these warehouses.

COMMUNICATIONS

4. The only railroad, a single-track, standard-gauge road connected the port with Tallinn. The port was connected by local motor roads with the Tallinn and Haapsalu highways. There was no airfield.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

5. Poldiski had a small bank, a public library, an elementary and high school and a customs house. The main landmark was an old fort located on the northwest outskirts of the village.

VEGETATION

6. Small trees and bush made up the vegetation.

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AGRICULTURE

7. The majority of farmers are engaged in grazing sheep and some cattle.

SURROUNDING AREA

8. The village of Lestse to the north was a vacation spot for residents of Tallinn. Many had built small cottages. Most, however, roomed with farmers in the area.
9. The area about Poldiski was closed off and restricted by the Soviets in 1939.

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ENCLOSURE (A): Layout of Port of Poldiski with Legend

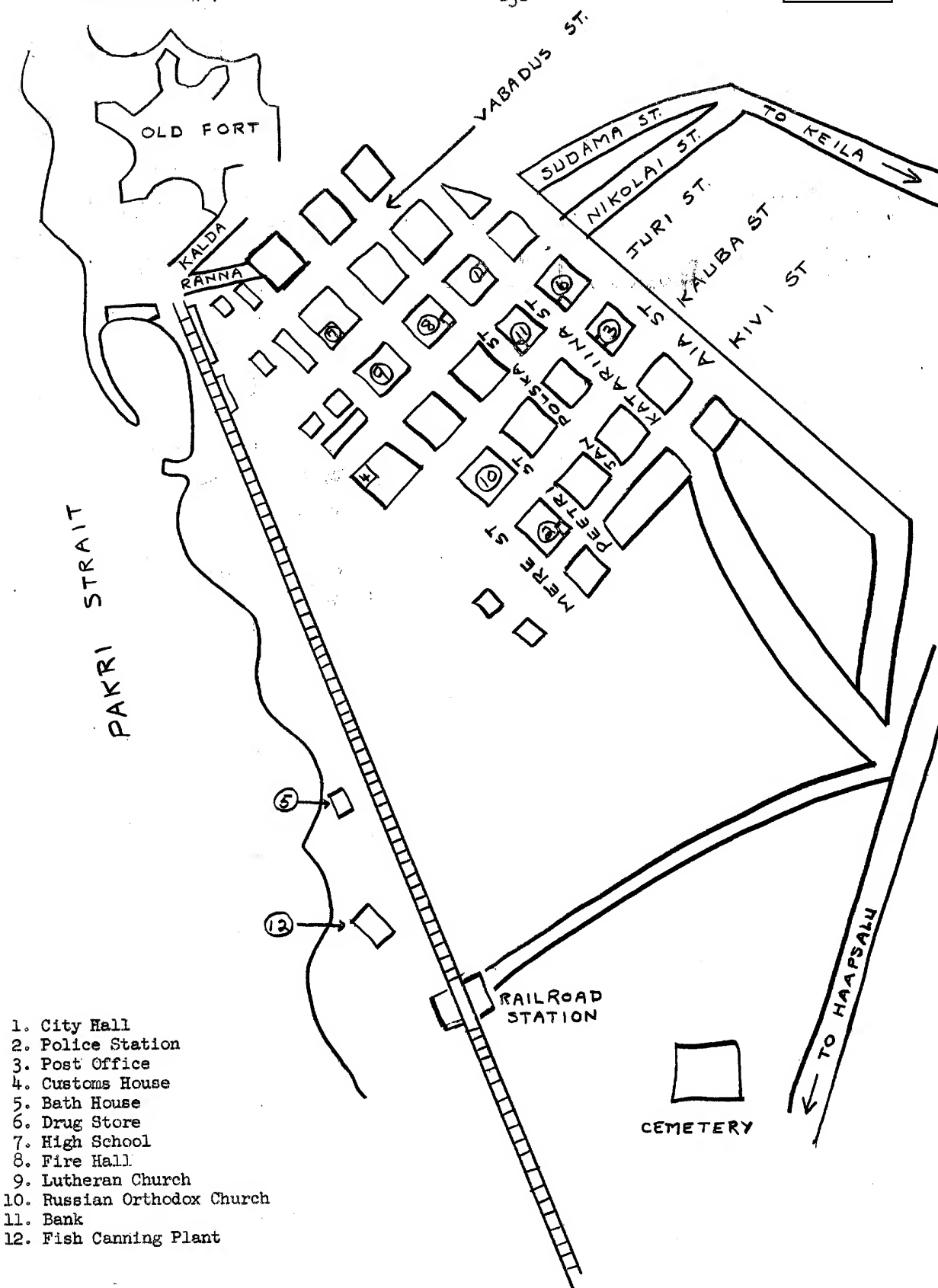
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